

## ACCESS SERVICE

## 7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.4 Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge

The Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge is a charge to recover that portion of message station equipment that is assigned to Special Access Service.

Pursuant to CC Docket 83-1145 Memorandum Opinion and Order adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on November 8, 1984, and released on November 9, 1984, this charge is assessed only to those customers to which the Special Access Surcharge applies. The rate for the Message Station Equipment Recovery Charge is set forth in 7.5.11 following.

## 7.4.5 Minimum Periods

The minimum service period for all services is one month, except as follows:

- (A) The minimum service period for part-time and occasional Video and Program Audio services is one day (i.e. a continuous 24 hour period, not limited to a calendar day).
- (B) The minimum period for service provided on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) is as specified in the ICB filing.
- (C) The minimum service period for a DS3 Service package is 12 months. After the minimum period is satisfied, the monthly extension rate will apply. T  
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- (D) The minimum service period for Ameritech OC-3, Ameritech OC-12 or Ameritech OC-48 Services is 12 months. After the minimum period is satisfied, the monthly rate will apply unless an OPP is selected. T  
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- (E) The minimum service period for Ameritech OC-3 Dedicated Ring, Ameritech OC-12 Dedicated Ring or Ameritech OC-48 Dedicated Ring service is 36 months. After the minimum period is satisfied, the prevailing rates of the current plan will continue until the customer cancels or renews the service. T  
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## 7.4.6 Moves

A move involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- The Point of Termination at the customer's premises
- The customer's premises

The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building.

## (A) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the Administrative Charge and Customer Connection Charge for the service termination affected will apply. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

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## (B) Moves To a Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new services. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

## 7.4.7 Mileage Measurement

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The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Channel Mileage is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved, i.e., the serving wire centers associated with two customer designated premises, the serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and an international boundary point, a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company Hub, a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office. The serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises is the serving wire center from which the customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone.

The Vertical and Horizontal (V&H) coordinates method is used to determine mileage. This method is set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. When the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile before applying the rate.

When Hubs are involved, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the Channel Mileage, i.e., customer designated premises serving wire center to Hub, Hub to Hub and/or Hub to customer designated premises serving wire center. However, when any service is routed through a Hub for purposes other than customer specified bridging or multiplexing (e.g., The Telephone Company chooses to so route for test access purposes), rates will be applied only to the distance calculated between the serving wire centers associated with the customer designated premises.

When the mileage measurement is to an international boundary point, one Channel Mileage Termination charge applies in addition to the per mile rate (Use USOC 1L5BX in lieu of 1L5xx).

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**7.4.7 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)**

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When a customer orders DAL service to connect originating WATS traffic to Feature Group D switched access service, and the serving wire center which serves the end user's premises is a WATS serving office but is not equipped for equal access (e.g., FGD and specialized WATS screening), the DAL will be provided to a WATS serving office which has equal access capabilities and the channel mileage charges will not apply. Upon notification that the nonconforming WATS serving office will be converted to an equal access end office, the customer may request that the DAL be moved. If the customer request is submitted within thirty days of the equal access conversion, with an effective date within ninety days of conversion, the nonrecurring charge will not apply. If the DAL service is not moved within the above interval the appropriate channel mileage charges will apply beginning on the ninety-first day after conversion.

In the event that a WATS serving office lacks sufficient capacity for the additional traffic carried by the DAL, the Telephone Company may extend the DAL to another WATS serving office which has sufficient capacity for the additional traffic and channel mileage charges will not apply. If capacity becomes available later at the normal WATS serving office, the channel mileage charges will still not apply.

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## 7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.8 Facility Hubs

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A customer has the option of ordering direct analog, Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3 facilities (i.e., Group, Supergroup, Mastergroup, Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3) to a facility Hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities (e.g., Telegraph, Voice, Program Audio, etc.).

Different locations may be designated as Hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., multiplexing from digital to digital may occur at one location while multiplexing from digital to analog may occur at a different location. Hub locations (Wire Centers) may be further designated as Intermediate and Terminus Hubs as set forth in 2.6 preceding. When ordering, the customer will specify the desired multiplexing Hub(s) selected from the Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. This tariff identifies the type(s) of multiplexing functions which are available and the serving wire centers where they are available.

Some of the types of multiplexing available include the following:

- from higher to lower bit rate
- from higher to lower bandwidth
- from digital to voice frequency channels

End to end services may be provided on channels of these facilities to a Hub. The transmission performance for the end to end service provided between customer designated premises will be that of the lower capacity or bit rate. For example, when a 1.544 Mbps facility is multiplexed to voice frequency channels, the transmission performance of the channelized services will be Direct Analog Service, not Ameritech DS1 Service.

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**7.4.8 Facility Hubs**

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The Telephone Company will commence billing the monthly rate for the facility to the Hub on the date specified by the customer on the Access Order. Individual services utilizing these facilities may be installed coincident with the installation of the facility to the Hub, or may be ordered and/or installed at a later date, at the option of the customer. The customer will be billed for a Direct Analog Service, Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3 Local Distribution Channel, Channel Mileage Terminations and Channel Mileage (when applicable), and the multiplexer at the time the facility is installed. Individual service rates (by service type) will apply for a Local Distribution Channel and additional Channel Mileage Terminations and Channel Mileage (as required) for each channelized service. These will be billed to the customer as each individual service is installed.

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Cascading multiplexing occurs when an analog, Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3 channel is de-multiplexed to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further de-multiplexed. For example, a Supergroup facility is de-multiplexed to five Group facilities and then one of the Group facilities is further de-multiplexed to individual voice grade channels.

When cascading multiplexing is performed, whether in the same or a different Hub, a charge for the additional multiplexing unit also applies. When cascading multiplexing is performed at different Hubbing locations, Channel Mileage Termination and Channel Mileage charges also apply between the Hubs.

Although not requiring multiplexing, the Telephone Company will designate certain Hubs for Video and Program Audio Services. A customer can order full-time and/or part-time services(s) between customer designated premises and a Hub and will be billed accordingly at the rates set forth in 7.5.4 or 7.5.5 following for a full-time or part-time service, as appropriate. At the request of a customer, the full-time and/or part-time services provided to the Hub may be connected together in the following configurations; full-time to full-time, full-time to part-time or part-time to part-time. The customer will be charged for each such connection made at the rates for Other Labor as set forth in 13.2.6(C) following. The rates that apply for the service between each customer designated premises and the Hub are a Local Distribution Channel and Channel Mileage Terminations and Channel Mileage, if applicable. In addition, for Program Audio Services, rates for optional features and functions may be applicable.

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Shared use occurs when Special Access Service and Switched Access Service are provided over the same Wideband Analog or Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3 facilities through a common interface. The facility will be ordered, provided and rated as Special Access Service (i.e., Local Distribution Channel, DS3 Service Packages, DS3 Service Channels, Channel Mileage Terminations and Channel Mileage, as appropriate, and Multiplexing). The nonrecurring charge that applies when the Shared Use Facility is installed will be the nonrecurring charge associated with the installation of the appropriate Special Access Wideband Analog or Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3. Individual service (i.e., Switched or Special Access) nonrecurring charges will not apply to the individual channels of the Shared Use Facility. Rating as Special Access will continue until such time as the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity for providing either Switched Access Direct Transport Service or Tandem-Switched Transport Service. When a customer requests Tandem-Switched Transport, as each individual line or trunk is activated for Switched Access Service, the Special Access Local Distribution Channel, Channel Mileage Termination, Channel Mileage, Service Package, Service Channel and Multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/12th for a Group (i.e., WA1) service, 1/24th for an Ameritech DS1 service, 1/672nd for an Ameritech DS3 service, unless a specific credit amount is stipulated for the service). When a customer's Ameritech DS3 or Ameritech DS1 service is using a portion of an Ameritech OC-3 Service, an Ameritech OC-12 Service or an Ameritech OC-48 Service facility, the Ameritech OC-3 Service, Ameritech OC-12 Service or Ameritech OC-48 Service will be reduced also (i.e., 1/2016 for an Ameritech OC-3, 1/8064 for an Ameritech OC-12 or 1/32,256 for an Ameritech OC-48). When a customer designates a channel for Direct Transport Service on a Shared Use Facility, as each individual Direct Transport Service (i.e., LT-1 Direct Transport) is activated the Special Access Local Distribution Channel, Channel Mileage Termination, Channel Mileage, Service Package, Service Channel and Multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (i.e., 1/28th for an Ameritech DS3 Service). The customer must place an order for each individual tandem-switched Switched Access Service, Direct Transport Service or Special Access Service utilizing the Shared Use Facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service.

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**7.4.9 Shared Use Analog and Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48 Services\* (Cont'd)**

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Switched Access Service rates and charges as set forth in 6.8 preceding will apply for each channel of the Shared Use Facility that is used to provide Switched Access Service, except for those nonrecurring charges waived under The Switched Optimization Plan as set forth in Section 6.7.1(C)(4).

Direct Transport rates and charges as set forth in 6.9.6 preceding, will apply for each Direct Transport service activated on the Shared Use Facility.

Where Special Access Service is provided utilizing a channel of the Shared Use Facility to the Hub, Wideband Analog, Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3 rates and charges will apply for the facility to the Hub as set forth preceding and individual service rates and charges will apply from the Hub to the customer designated premises. The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the Hub to the customer designated premises will be dependent on the specific type of Special Access Service that is provided (e.g., Direct Analog, Telegraph, etc.). The applicable rates and charges will include a Local Distribution Channel and two Channel Mileage Terminations and Channel Mileage, if applicable. Rates and charges for optional features and functions associated with the service, if any, will apply as set forth in 7.5 following.

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## 7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.10 Optional Payment Plan (OPP) for Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48 Services

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## A. General

The Optional Payment Plan is a provision that allows a customer to select Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, Ameritech OC-3, Ameritech OC-12 and Ameritech OC-48 Services (excluding Ameritech DS1 - 128.0, 256.0 and 384.0 Kbps transport), over a 12, 24, 36, 48 or 60 month payment period. Monthly rates for services installed under this Payment Plan will change as Telephone Company initiated rate changes become effective but during the OPP term will not exceed the monthly rate in effect at the beginning of the customer's OPP term.\*

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During the term of the selected OPP, Telephone Company initiated rate changes (increases or decreases) will automatically be applied to the monthly payments for the remaining months of the current OPP term. But in no case will any rate change cause the monthly rate during the OPP term to exceed that in effect at the beginning of the customer's OPP term.

Ameritech Base Rate, DS1 and DS3 Service rates and charges for which the OPP is available are listed in 7.5.9 and Ameritech OC-3, Ameritech OC-12 and Ameritech OC-48 service rates and charges for which the OPP is available are listed in 7.5.10 following.

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Customers subscribing to the OPP will be subject to nonrecurring charges as specified in 7.5.13 for installation and rearrangements of services covered by the plan. The nonrecurring charges will not be spread over the OPP term. If the customer subscribes to the OPP on an existing service with no other changes, no nonrecurring charges will apply.

At the expiration of the OPP term and if the customer wishes to continue Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12 or OC-48 Service, the customer may select a new OPP at the prevailing OPP rate. If a customer does not wish to renew the OPP at the expiration of the term, the customer's service will automatically convert to the month-to-month or Ameritech DS3 Monthly Extension rates.

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y Material effective February 5, 1995 under Transmittal No. 852.  
For Ameritech DS3 customers under an OPP as of August 4, 1992, the sum of the rates for the Service Package and Service Channels will not exceed, for the remainder of the OPP term, the rate in effect at the beginning of the customer's OPP term.

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## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.10 Optional Payment Plan (OPP) for Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48 Services (Cont'd)

## C. OPP Termination Liabilities (Cont'd)

For example, a customer subscribed to a 60 month OPP term and disconnected service during the 37th month. This customer's termination charge would be:

$$[36 \text{ month OPP Rate} - 60 \text{ month OPP rate}] \times 37 = \text{Termination Charge.}$$

The 36 month OPP term could have been completed during the months the service was actually in service.

All termination charges will be based on the OPP rates in effect at the time of termination.

Termination Liability charges for all OPP terms including Ameritech DS3 Service that have been initiated prior to August 29, 1992 may, at the customer's request, be charged as described above or pay a percentage of the monthly charges for the remainder of the term as indicated below:

OPP Terms in Months	Termination Percentage
12	85
36	75
60	60

## D. Conversion of service to New OPP or Higher Speed

During a customer's OPP term, conversion may be made to a new OPP term of the same or different length or to a higher speed service. If the expiration date for the new service or OPP term is beyond the end of the original OPP term, the remaining OPP charges for the original term will not apply. If no physical changes are made to the service, the Administrative Charge, the Design and Central Office Connection Charge and the Customer Connection Charge will not apply.

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**7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)**

**7.4.10 Optional Payment Plan (OPP) for Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48 Services (Cont'd)**

**E. Moves**

During a customer's OPP term a customer may move one Local Distribution Channel (LDC) of an Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech Base Rate service to another location in the same LATA and keep the OPP in force, provided no lapse in service occurs.

During an OPP term, a customer may purchase a Local Channel Diversity Arrangement or an Interwire Center Diversity Arrangement (described in Section 11.1.1) and move an in-service Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech Base Rate Service to one of these arrangements while keeping the OPP in force, provided the customer's premises and serving wire center remain the same and no lapse in service occurs.

**F. ANRS**

During a customer's OPP term, a customer may elect to include an Ameritech DS3, Ameritech DS1 or an Ameritech Base Rate service into the customer's Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service (ANRS) database. The customer may opt to convert to a new OPP term of the same or different length or to continue the current OPP term to the original expiration date. If the expiration date for the new OPP term is beyond the end of the original OPP term, termination charges for the original term will not apply. Adding an existing service to the customer's ANRS database requires that all nonrecurring charges applicable to the installation of the service apply.

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**7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)**

**7.4.10 Optional Payment Plan (OPP) for Ameritech Base Rate, DS1, DS3, OC-3, OC-12 and OC-48 Services (Cont'd)**

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**G. DS3**

During a customer's OPP term, conversion may be made from one Ameritech DS3 Service package to another larger package (e.g., DS3B to DS3C) for a new OPP term of the same or different length. If the expiration date of the new OPP term is beyond the end of the original OPP term, termination charges will not apply to the original OPP term.

OPP rates will be applicable to only the Ameritech DS3 Service Package. Customers will be allowed to consolidate 2 or more smaller DS3 Service Packages into 1 larger DS3 Service Package of the same or longer OPP term without incurring any termination charges through December 31, 1992.

Monthly Extension rates for Ameritech DS3 Service will apply only after a customer has completed an OPP term or an ICB minimum period.

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**G. DS3 (Cont'd)**

Termination charges are applicable for Ameritech DS3 Service Packages discontinued prior to the expiration of the selected OPP term. Termination charges will be calculated as follows:

**(a) Service discontinued in 1st through 11th month:**

$(.85 \times 12 \text{ Mo OPP rate} \times [12 - \text{number of Months in service}]) +$   
 $([12 \text{ Mo OPP rate} - \text{subscribed to OPP rate}] \times \text{number of Months in service})$

For example: A customer subscribed to a 36 month OPP term and disconnected service at the end of the fifth month. This customer's termination charge would be:

$(.85 \times 12 \text{ Mo OPP rate} \times [12 - 5 \text{ Mos}]) + ([12 \text{ Mo OPP rate} - 36 \text{ Mo OPP rate}] \times 5 \text{ Mos})$

**(b) Service discontinued in 12th through 60th month:**

The dollar difference between the current OPP rate for the OPP term that could have been completed during the time the service was actually in service, and the customer's current OPP rate for each month the service was provided.

Termination charges for other Ameritech DS3 Service components (e.g., Channel Mileage and Channel Mileage Terminations) will be calculated as described in 7.4.10(C), preceding).

**H. Moving Services from an OPP Term to a DCP Term**

Customers may terminate Optional Payment Plans for Ameritech Base Rate and Ameritech DS1 services in states where they have effective Discount Commitment Program terms for those services. Upon termination of these Optional Payment Plans, the services will begin being billed DCP (as described in 7.4.13 preceding) rates subject to the DCP terms and conditions. No termination liability charges will be applied to services that move from an OPP term to a DCP term.

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**7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)**

**7.4.11 Fiber Hubs for Ameritech DS1 or Ameritech DS3 Services**

A customer has the option of ordering Ameritech DS3, Ameritech DS1 (excluding Ameritech DS1 - 128.0, 256.0 and 384.0 Kbps transport) Ameritech Base Rate or Direct Analog services to terminate in a Fiber Hub for cross-connection to another service of the same speed. Fiber Hub locations are specified in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

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When a customer orders a service terminating in a Fiber Hub, the service is installed, and service parameters are measured from the customer designated premises to the Fiber Hub. When this service is subsequently cross-connected to another service, the two cross-connected services are treated separately for service performance measurement and service interruption credit purposes. For example, if Customer A cross-connects to Customer B's service at a Fiber Hub, and Customer B's service is subsequently interrupted, the Telephone Company will credit only Customer B for the service interruption.

DS1 channels from two multiplexed Ameritech DS3 services may be cross-connected at the Fiber Hub. The customer must provide the Ameritech DS3 system and channel assignment information for the DS1 channels.

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**ACCESS SERVICE****7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)****7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)****7.4.12 Shared Network Arrangement**

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Each customer entering into a Shared Network Arrangement is solely responsible to the Telephone Company for charges associated with that customer's portion of the shared network. Disconnection of service by the Host Subscriber does not relieve another user of the network of any obligation to pay access charges associated with the portion of the shared network to which that user subscribes. Billing for services and facilities will continue until a disconnect request from the Service User has been received by the Telephone Company. The Host Subscriber is solely responsible for notifying the connecting Service User in the event of disconnection of the Host service which affects that portion of the shared network service to which the Service User has subscribed.

For administrative purposes, one "Arrangement" under the Shared Network Arrangement offering shall be limited to the agreement between one Host Subscriber and one Service User permitting the Service User to connect a specified number of subtending circuits to one specified multiplexer on the Host's service. Agreements between one Host Subscriber and two (or three, etc.) Service Users shall be deemed to comprise two (or three, etc., respectively) separate "Arrangements". However, an agreement to expand the scope of an existing Arrangement by subsequently increasing the number of subtending circuits on the same multiplexer shall not constitute a new or separate "Arrangement".

Shared use as described in Section 7.4.9 will apply to both the Host Subscriber's and Service User's portion of the service for which they are billed. Any reconciliation of Shared Use as described in Section 7.4.9 must be negotiated between the Host Subscribers and Service Users.

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A Shared Network Arrangement shall be established between a Host Subscriber and a Service User upon the completion of the service order for the first circuit(s) in the arrangement. No Shared Network Arrangement shall be deemed to be in effect until at least one subtending circuit has been installed for the Service User. A Shared Network Arrangement shall be deemed canceled when the last subtending circuit has been disconnected.

A Processing Charge will apply for handling each service order in a Shared Network Arrangement when a Service User orders that a subtending circuit(s) be connected to a Host Subscriber's multiplexed service. The Processing Charge is contained in Section 7.5.9(D) and applies in addition to all other applicable rates and charges.

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**(A) General Description**

The Discount Commitment Program (DCP) provides the customer with rate stabilization and discounted rates for Direct Analog, Ameritech Base Rate and Ameritech DS1 services (described in Sections 7.2.3 and 7.2.9, preceding). The customer agrees to a minimum service commitment per service per state when establishing a DCP. Customers may disconnect or move Local Distribution Channels within the state and not be subject to Termination Liability charges as long as commitment levels are maintained.

DCPs may be established by service by state and be of either 3 or 5 years duration. A customer may have only one DCP per service per state in effect at one time. For example, a customer that has a 3 year DCP for Direct Analog service in Illinois may not establish a second Direct Analog DCP in Illinois until the current DCP expires.

Monthly rates for services installed under a DCP will change as Telephone Company initiated rate changes become effective but during the DCP term will not exceed the monthly rate in effect at the beginning of the customer's DCP term. During the term of the selected DCP, Telephone Company initiated rate changes (increases or decreases) will automatically be applied to the monthly rates for the remaining months of the current DCP term. But in no case will any rate change cause the monthly rate during the DCP term to exceed that in effect at the beginning of the customer's DCP term.

**(B) Commitment Level**

A customer establishes a DCP term by committing 90 percent or more of their in service Local Distribution Channels to a term of either 3 or 5 years duration. Although the commitment is based upon Local Distribution Channels, the following rate elements will all receive DCP rates:

Channel Mileage  
Channel Mileage Termination  
Ameritech DS1 to Voice/Base Rate Multiplexer  
Local Distribution Channel

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**7.4.13 Discount Commitment Program (DCP) (Cont'd)**

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**(B) Commitment Level (Cont'd)**

Only rate elements not purchased under an Optional Payment Plan (described in Section 7.4.9) will be eligible for inclusion in the commitment level and for DCP rates.

As long as a customer's actual in service level of Local Distribution Channels is at the commitment level, customers will be billed DCP rate for all eligible rate elements. Additionally, if a customer's in service level exceeds the initial in service level by no more than 30 percent for a three year DCP or 50 percent for a 5 year DCP, customers will be billed the DCP rates for all eligible rate elements. For example, a customer with 100 Ameritech Base Rate LDCs commits 90 LDCs (or 90 percent) to a 3 year DCP term. The customer will be billed DCP rates as long as the actual in service level of Ameritech Base Rate LDCs is greater than or equal to 90 or less than 130.

If a customer's in service level exceeds the initial in service level by more than 30 percent for a three year term or 50 percent for a 5 year term, the customer will be billed the monthly rate for all LDCs above the commitment level. For example, a customer with 100 Ameritech Base Rate LDCs that commits 90 (or 90 percent) LDCs to a 3 year DCP actually has 140 LDCs in service. This customer will be billed DCP rates for 90 LDCs but monthly rates for the 50 LDCs above the commitment level.

If a customer's actual in service level falls below the commitment level, the customer will be billed for the commitment level of LDCs at DCP rates. For example, a customer that commits 90 LDCs but only has 70 LDCs in service will be billed the DCP rates for 90 LDCs.

In all cases, applicable associated rate elements (excluding the LDCs) for the service covered by a DCP term, will receive DCP rates even when the actual in service level of Local Distribution Channels is outside the DCP parameters, as described above.

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(C) 90 Day Review Period

No adjustments, for being above or below commitment level (as described in (B) above), in monthly billing for a DCP will take place until 90 days after Telephone Company notification to the customer that the commitment level has been exceeded or not been met. This will insure that customers will not be penalized for aberrations in Local Distribution Channel counts caused by timing differentials in disconnection and installation.

Customers' bills will not be adjusted for being outside the parameters described in 7.4.13(B), preceding during the 90 day review period. Additionally, customers will continue to be billed the adjustments (following the 90 day review period) for being outside the described parameters until the commitment level is met or increased. A new 90 day review period will be initiated if the customer's actual in service level subsequently falls outside the described parameters.

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(D) Increasing the DCP Commitment Level

Customers may increase their commitment level at any time by notifying the Telephone Company in writing. An increase in the commitment level will not change the expiration date of the DCP.

When a commitment level is increased, the actual in service LDC level at the time of the increase will be used to calculate billing adjustments as described in Section 7.4.13(B), preceding.

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(E) Decreasing the DCP Commitment Level and Termination Liabilities

Customers may only decrease their commitment level by paying termination liability charges on the number of Local Distribution Channels by which the commitment level is decreased. Termination Liabilities will apply to Direct Analog, OPTINET Base Rate and Ameritech DS1 services covered by a DCP. For example, a customer has a commitment level of 90 LDCs. The customer then decreases this commitment level to 70 LDCs. The customer must pay termination liabilities on 20 LDCs.

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## (E) Decreasing the DCP Commitment Level and Termination Liabilities (Cont'd)

The Termination Liability for DCP is calculated to be the dollar difference between the current DCP rate for the DCP term that could have been completed during the time the service was actually in service, or the monthly rate for services in place less than 36 months, and the customer's current DCP rate for each month the service was provided.

For example, a customer subscribing to a 60 month DCP term reduced their LDC commitment by 20 LDCs during the 37th month. This customer's termination charge would be:

$$20 \text{ LDCs} \times (36 \text{ month DCP rate} - 60 \text{ month DCP rate}) \times 37 \text{ months} \\ = \text{Termination Charge}$$

Termination Liability charges will not apply to individual Local Distribution Channels disconnected or moved within a state as long as the commitment level is maintained. Normal nonrecurring charges will apply.

A decrease in the commitment level will not change the expiration date of the DCP.

## (F) Upgrading a DCP Service

When a customer upgrades a Direct Analog or Ameritech Base Rate service being billed DCP rates to an Ameritech DS1 service, the Direct Analog or Ameritech Base Rate DCP commitment level will be reduced at the customer's request (up to a maximum of 24) and no termination liabilities will apply. If the customer has a DCP for Ameritech DS1, the Ameritech DS1 DCP commitment level will be increased if the customer requests that it be increased. When a customer upgrades an Ameritech DS1 service being billed DCP rates to an Ameritech DS3 service with the same termination points, the customer's Ameritech DS1 DCP commitment level will be reduced at the customer's request (up to a maximum of 28) and no termination liabilities will apply.

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7.4.13 Discount Commitment Program (DCP) (Cont'd)

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(G) Conversion to an Optional Payment Plan (OPP)

Customers may convert services from a DCP term to an OPP as described in 7.4.10, preceding. No termination liabilities will apply to services converted to an OPP term of the same or longer length than the DCP term. Additionally, the customer's DCP commitment level will be reduced by the number of LDCs, associated with the service, converted to an OPP term.

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## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.14 Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service (ANRS) T

This section contains specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service. T

## (A) Types of Rates and Charges

## (1) Monthly Rates

## (a) ANRS Service Charge (Ability to Reconfigure Networks) T

The ANRS Service Charge is a monthly recurring rate that is applied per customer network database that gives the customer the ability to reconfigure their network. The ANRS Service Charge applies in each state of Ameritech's operating territory in which the customer intends to reconfigure circuits. T

## (b) ANRS Access Arrangement T

The ANRS Access Arrangement charge applies for each Dedicated Access Network Link or dial-in access number that the customer uses to access ANRS. The Access Arrangement provides the interface between the customer and the ANRS System Locations. Dedicated Network Access Links (DNALs) or dial-in access should be purchased from the applicable intrastate or interstate tariffs. This option may be utilized with a compatible DNAL as specified in Section 8.3.1(E). An Access Arrangement must be purchased for each Dedicated Network Access Link or dial-in number used to access the ANRS system to request reconfigurations. T

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## 7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.14 Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service (ANRS) (Cont'd)

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## (A) Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

## (2) Nonrecurring Charges

## (a) ANRS Service Charge (Ability to Reconfigure Networks)

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There is a nonrecurring charge for initially establishing the customer network database. The network database will contain all facilities and channels that a customer will be able to reconfigure. The ANRS Service Charge will apply once in each state of Ameritech's operating territory in which the customer has channels that will be reconfigured with ANRS.

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## (b) ANRS Database Modification

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The Database Modification charge applies to customer initiated changes to their network database subsequent to the initial database setup. These changes include:

- (1) Addition or deletion of channel/facility terminations at the ANRS system location.
- (2) Addition, deletion or change in the customer's master security password.
- (3) Establish cross-connection of two ANRS subscribers located at the same ANRS location. Letters of Authorization must be submitted by both customers to the Telephone Company before the modification is made.

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Discontinuance of the above arrangement will also generate a modification charge.

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This charge applies to each change to a customer's database. If more than one change is requested at the same time, the charge is applied to each change requested.

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7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.4.14 Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service (ANRS) (Cont'd)

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(A) Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(2) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(d) ANRS Access Arrangement

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There is a nonrecurring charge associated with the initial installation of the arrangement.

(e) Attendant Access

Attendant Access provides for reconfiguration activities to be performed by a Telephone Company attendant at the direction of the customer. The customer may request that the commands be performed on demand or at a later, scheduled time. On demand requests will normally be executed by the attendant within one hour of the customer's request. Attendant Access cannot be purchased independently but is available to customer's that access ANRS either through a dial-in or dedicated arrangement.

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The Attendant Access charge is charged on the first 30 minutes of use and subsequent 15 minute increments.

(f) ANRS Training

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The ANRS training charge provides for additional training requested by the customer beyond the training session included with the initial installation of the ANRS service.

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The customer may request additional training on an hourly basis to be provided at a location agreed upon by the Telephone Company and the customer.

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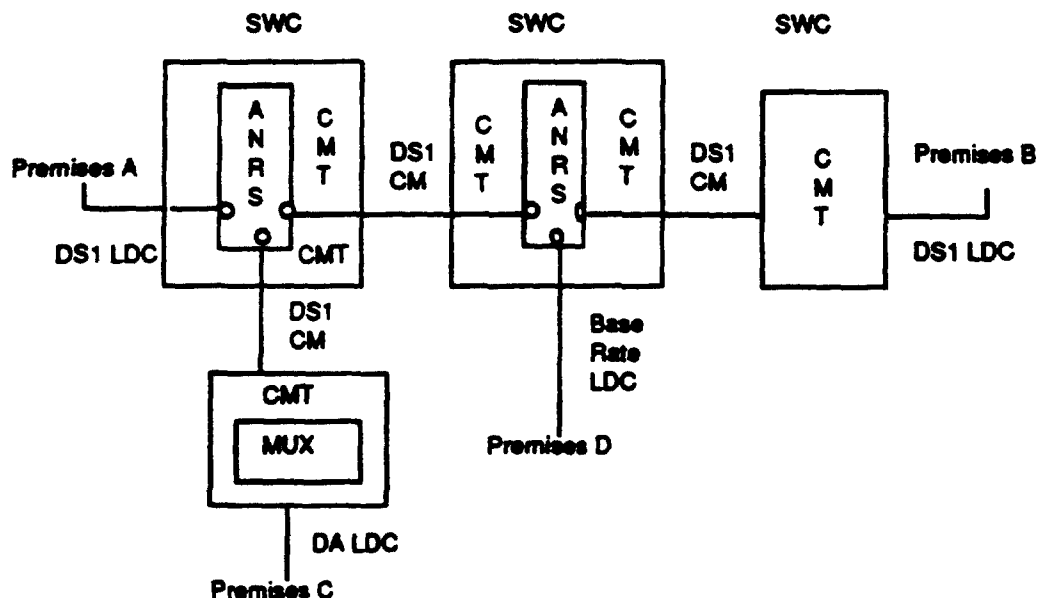
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## 7.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

## 7.4.14 Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service ANRS (Cont'd)

## (B) Service Configuration

The following diagram depicts Ameritech Network Reconfiguration Service (ANRS) utilized with Ameritech DS1 and Base Rate and Direct Analog Services.



- LDC - Local Distribution Channel  
 CMT - Channel Mileage Termination  
 CM - Channel Mileage  
 SWC - Serving Wire Center  
 MUX - Multiplexer  
 ANRS - ANRS System Location  
 o - ANRS Port Termination  
 DA - Direct Analog

## Applicable rate elements are:

- Local Distribution Channels, 2 Ameritech DS1, 1 Ameritech Base Rate, 1 Direct Analog
- Channel Mileage Terminations - 6 Ameritech DS1
- Channel Mileage - 3 Ameritech DS1 mileages
- ANRS Port Terminations - 5 DS1, 1 Ameritech Base Rate
- Multiplexing - 1 Ameritech DS1 to Base Rate/Direct Analog
- Appropriate ANRS Basic Service and ACCESS rate elements

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7.4.15 Installation Interval Guarantee

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A failure to meet the installation interval service date for the services following (as specified in Ameritech Interval Guide Publication AM-TR-MKT-000066), will result in a customer credit of the nonrecurring charges, (Administrative, Design and Central Office and Customer Connection) billed to the customer for that service, where the responsibility for the failure is solely the Telephone Companies:

Ameritech DS1  
Ameritech DS3  
Ameritech Base Rate  
Direct Analog Service  
Direct Digital Service

This guarantee does not apply to any installation involving the following circumstances:

1. The customer requests expedited orders
2. Other Telephone Companies are designated as the billing company as set forth in Section 2.4.7 preceding or the AOC is the billing company as set forth in 2.4.7(B)(3) and 2.4.7(B)(4) preceding.
3. The customer's premises is inaccessible
4. The customer changes interface requirements
5. The customer is not ready to accept service
6. Building facilities are not ready (includes space, cable support structures, building risers and entrance facilities to be provided by builder or owner or owner's subcontracted vendors)
7. The customer orders termination beyond the Network Interface

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